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SUBJECT: Biographic Information of Helmut Allardt, Possible
New FRG Ambassador in Moscow

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The following background information on Ambassador Allardt may be of interest. Allardt told Ambassador Duke that he was born in Berlin of a family which had originally been French. During the French Revolution, the Allardts left Normandy and settled in Berlin. In the Prussian disturbances in 1848 most of the family left for the United States, and Allardt is in touch with these descendants who are now scattered around Southern California. Allardt is balding, about 60 years old. He had his family with him in Madrid, including a son of university age.

Career

Allardt is a career diplomat who spent the war years in Turkey. His first ambassadorial assignment was to Indonesia in 1954. In 1956, returning to Germany for home leave, he rented a car in San Francisco and spent a month driving across the United States. His English leaves much to be desired, according to Ambassador Duke. Allardt has attended World Bank meetings and other economic conferences in Washington.

In 1956 he left Djakarta and was detached from the Foreign Office to work directly for Walter Hallstein in the Common Market, specializing in the Associated States, particularly Africa. He told Ambassador Duke that on one mission he traveled from Madagascar to Dakar, not as a German but as a "European." He did not consider the mission a success, however, as he found himself acting more for the French

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than for the Common Market. In 1961 he returned to the Foreign Office and headed up the Economic Section until he received his assignment to Madrid in late 1963. His primary interests in Spain were in the economic field.

Appraisal

The following appraisal was provided by another Embassy officer, based on various meetings with Allardt: He is rather awkward and blunt in conversation, though friendly. Although he does not readily take the initiative in social contact, Allardt responds fairly well to inquiries. He was reticent about Spanish affairs. His tour was fairly active in Madrid and included many visitors to and from Germany and a large German trade fair in Madrid. He apparently handled his mission with quiet competence. While he was Ambassador, relations between the staffs of our two Embassies were friendly.

Frau Allardt is a vivacious, attractive woman of French-Tunisian background who worked for several years in our mission in Tunis. She speaks English with fluency. The couple spent a recent vacation in Tunisia, but they evidently are (or were) building a retirement home near Munich.

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on a Helmut Allardt.

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